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Cubans Put Interview With 4 Captives on TV

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HAVANA, Cuba (AP)—The government of Fidel Castro displayed captured guerrilla leader Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo and three of his companions on nationwide television Tuesday night.

Menoyo claimed he used Puerto Rico as a way station en route to Cuba and was aided by Puerto Rico's former governor Luis Munoz Marin.

Two Cuban security officers questioned Menoyo and his comrades in the 25-minute taped interview.

Asked if he had something special to say, Menoyo pointed to Florida on a map and said: "I only want to warn those who wish to imitate us that they ought to think things over well before doing this; against the people one cannot fight."

Four Appear Calm

The four anti-Castro guerrillas, captured after landing near Baracoa on the north coast, appeared calm and answered questions rapidly. They smoked and sipped water. They wore what looked like improvised military uniforms with arm-bands.

Asked in what he had done was right or wrong, Menoyo said, "If the people are against it, it is wrong."

He said he had expected to be welcomed by the peasants but received a hostile reception. He added that peasants gave him food but also reported his presence to the army.

Menoyo admitted all the details previously claimed by the Cuban government. He said he and his followers infiltrated Cuba from a base in the Dominican Republic. Dominican authorities have denied that any such base exists.

"I worked for a while with the CIA," said one of Menoyo's aides, Ramon Quesada Somez. "They taught me to use a gun and how to use maps."

Menoyo, who was a major under Castro before he defected, said his group obtained a boat in Puerto Rico and used it to travel to the Dominican Republic.

"We understand that the FBI took our radio equipment," said Menoyo. "Then Munoz Marin intervened and it was returned."

The broadcast gave no indication of what may be the fate of Menoyo and the others.

Meanwhile, a Miami exile said a pro-Castro spy network linking Miami, Santo Domingo and Puerto Rico led to Menoyo's capture.

Quotes Cuba Reports

Quoting reports from Cuba, the exile-newspaper said the Castro regime kept a close watch on the families of Menoyo and his top aides, as well as places in Cuba familiar to them.

"As they (Menoyo and his aides) were dropping from sight, the Castro-Communist espionage periodically reported to Havana every one of their steps," according to information Cuban exile newspaper Luis Manuel Martinez said he received through Mexico.

Raul Castro, Cuban armed forces minister, said earlier this week that Menoyo and his three aides were sighted 12 hours after they landed and were captured several days later. He said thousands of militiamen had been mobilized to stop him.